COUNTY CORONER

Department Overview

The County Coroner is a statutorily position, filled by an elected official. All voters' elect the Coroner to a four-year term. The Coroner's salary is set at 65% of the base elected officials yearly rate, plus longevity. In addition, the coroner has authority to use temporary employees for professional services due to the large increase in activity.

The Coroner does not perform autopsies but pays medical Professionals for each autopsy performed. This accounts for the majority of the departments operating budget.

Department Goals

- Strive to be the best Coroner Service in Montana.
- Educate public of services provided by Coroner's Office.
- Speak to groups at career days and drivers education participants.
- Establish and maintain a well-equipped morgue.
- Expand fee-based services to other counties.
- · Continue Training of Coroner and Staff

Recent Accomplishments

- Training of Coroner and Deputy Coroner's.
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- Providing outreach to driver's education classes and at career days in the local schools.
- Continued advanced training.
- Provided safe transportation.
- Comply with City, County, State and Federal Standards.

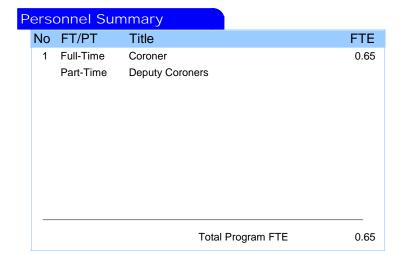
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Department Budget

Object of Expenditure		Actual FY 2005		Final FY 2006		Actual FY 2006		Request FY 2007		Preliminary FY 2007		Final FY 2007	
Personnel		\$	57,990	\$	60,537	\$	60,050	\$	61,830	\$	62,067	\$	62,327
Operations			36,085		43,997		40,408		47,953		47,953		47,953
Debt Service			-		-		-		-		-		-
Capital Outlay			-		12,000		-		28,000		18,000		18,000
Transfers Out			-		-		-		-		-		-
	Total	\$	94,075	\$	116,534	\$	100,330	\$	137,783	\$	128,020	\$	128,280
Budget by Fund Group													
General Fund		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Special Revenue Funds			94,075		116,534		100,330		137,783		128,020		128,280
Debt Service Funds			-		-		-		-		-		-
Capital Project Funds			-		-		-		-		-		-
Enterprise Funds			-		-		-		-		-		-
Internal Service Funds			-		-		-		-		-		-
Trust & Agency Funds			-		-		-		-		-		-
	Total	\$	94,075	\$	116,534	\$	100,330	\$	137,783	\$	128,020	\$	128,280
Funding Sources													
Tax Revenues		\$	62,238	\$	77,097	\$	70,158	\$	91,155	\$	84,696	\$	84,697
Non-Tax Revenues			24,469		30,311		29,705		30,311		30,311		30,311
Cash Reappropriated			7,367		9,126		467		16,317		13,013		13,272
	Total	\$	94.075	\$	116.534	\$	100.330	\$	137,783	\$	128,020	\$	128,280

Department Personnel



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2007 Budget Highlights

Personnel

Increase in Temporary Wages for Deputy Coroner's.

Operations

• All expenses excluding fixed costs had no change from previous year.

Capital

• Vehicle replacement \$18,000.

County Commission Goals/Department Response

The County Commission established a set of overarching goals for the county government. Listed below are the County Commission's goals, followed by the methods by which the County Coroner is striving to fulfill those goals.

Exceptional Customer Service

- Continue Great Service
- Provide Safe Transportation on Roads
- · Comply with City, County and Federal Standards
- Continue lectures to driver's ed classes, job fairs and the DARE Program

Be Model for Excellence in Government

- Continue Advanced Training
- Well equipped morgue
- Best Coroner Service in Montana
- Maintain the office in a most efficient manner

Improve Communications

• Increased public knowledge of department – receive positive impression from public

To be the Employer of Choice

- Continue Advanced Training
- Best Trained Staff in State

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WORKLOAD INDICATORS/PERFORMANCE MEASURERS

Workload Indicators

los Paretas	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Projected
Indicator	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
1. Coroner deaths	96	124	130	
2. Hospice deaths	60	95	100	
3 . Cremation authorities	185	273	300	
4. Other calls	3	16	10	
5. Coroner contacts	342	508	540	560
6 . Inquest hearings				

Performance Measures

	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Projected
Measure	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
1 . Accidental deaths	11	7	7	
2. Motor Vehicle	16	12	20	
3. Natural	49	92	95	
4. Suicide	14	10	15	
5. Homicide	3	0	2	
6. Pending	0	3	1	
7. Undetermined	1	0	1	160

Commentary